

Jig and Courier.

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Movements.

The Whig Congressional Caucus was started by the introduction of a resolution from Mr. Toombs of Georgia, "That Congress ought not to pass any law prohibiting slavery into the territories of California or New Mexico, nor any law abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia."

This caused an earnest but on the whole, calm discussion. The project of forcing the Whigs to such a declaration of principles and pledge to their future action in Congress, was decisively though kindly postponed, Mr. Stanley of North Carolina and other Southern Whigs taking the lead in opposing the resolution. Upon the resolution being postponed Mr. Toombs and eight other gentlemen withdrew from the caucus. This break of the unity of the Whigs in Congress, although considered by all as an unfortunate, yet did not awaken any apprehension of its feeling, or cause any reproaches. The caucus quietly nominated Mr. Winthrop for Speaker.

In the loco caucus Mr. Winthrop proposed that the decision of the Caucus be binding upon all the members participating in its proceedings upon which Mr. Meade of Virginia objected. He should support the candidates who might be nominated if he liked them, not not a Southern Member whispered across the board to Mr. Meade that it could be all right, nobody would be nominated that he would not heartily support. So Mr. Meade became quiescent.

This little dialogue gave the editor of the New York Tribune now in Washington, a key to the whole affair. The ultra champions of Slavery Propriety had a decided majority in the Caucus, and having everything their own way, were perfectly willing to abide the decision. But had they been outvoted, (of which there was no chance) they would have bolted at once.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune is of opinion that the Southern Whigs who withdrew from the caucus will finally vote for Mr. Winthrop, and that the Free Soil members, who have voted for Mr. Winthrop, will not, on account of the gross attacks of the Union upon Mr. Winthrop, in any case vote for Mr. Cobb. The three loyal Democrats from South Carolina took no part in the loco caucus and will not vote for Mr. Cobb.

The slavery question has taken an evil and a rank hold in Congress and the nation, who ever may be Speaker, will be one of deep and exciting interest. But it is useless to speculate, when the events themselves are so near at hand and will soon be unfolded.

Even by the time this article is in type, we may have a telegraphic copy announcing the election of speaker and the reception by Congress of the President's message.

The message, it is said, occupies about seven columns of the Republic and was ready for delivery at the last account, but may be delayed until the 15th inst.

THE PUNISHMENT AND HIS DAUGHTER. BY J. K. PAULING. New York: Baker & Scribner, Publishers.

We have received from Mr. Duran, who has the work for the substantial book, two volumes in one, with the above title. It is an elaborate novel from the well known pen of Mr. Pauling, who, long years since, frequently delighted his readers by eloquently and happily delineated scenes. His lamp still burns brightly. His pen is yet fresh and nimble. He cannot but be a welcome visitor in any form, and in none, not personal more so than in this of the Punishment and his Daughter, with its fine humor, life like descriptions, sage suggestions and palpable bits. It is worth a cart load of the light stuff which the present generation devour with so much eagerness, and which affords no mind nourishment.

Here we have the Jig and life and manners, customs and idiosyncrasies brought before us, not stuffy and in candle like monotony, but surprising and opening up new England in the olden time with its life like characters, sketched out by the hand of one capable of appreciating many of their points, and among whom he could best deal with a successful hand, and let loose his keen, sharp satire.

Those who would like to sit down to an interesting book these long evenings, should call at Duran's and get this work.

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.—The Philadelphia Ledger of Dec 4th, published in advance the Postmaster General's report. It occupies three and a half columns in print. Increase of post offices for the past year 533.—Postmasters appointed 6371, of which 2000 were removed. Revenue \$1,901,000. Appropriations \$1,479,000. Balance in treasury, \$1,860,000. Estimated expenses of current year, \$1,860,000. Revenue \$1,922,000. Balance next June, \$1,033,000.

It recommends a uniform rate of five cents and the employment of additional clerks. The department is in a flourishing condition. The report denounces all railway monopolies.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune states as item of news that there is a new delegation from Pennsylvania, and great excitement exists among them, in regard to the appointments that have been made from that State. If any need is given to the expression of the Whigs in the City and County of Philadelphia as well as in the interior of the State manifested by petitions remonstrating against his confirmation, as also through Committees, Mr. Lewis will be unable to pass the ordeal of the Senate.

Ohio.—The legs of the State convened at Columbus on the 3d. A difficulty similar to that which occurred at the last session is anticipated, which will prevent an early organization of the House. There seem to be a few members who are not ready to do the work of the session, and that no delay will prevent the organization of that branch of the Legislature.

Congressional Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.

Congress assembled to day agreeable to the constitution.

The Senate met at twelve o'clock and was called to order by the Vice President, Mr. Fillmore and a prayer offered by Rev Mr. Slicer.

The following Senators appeared and took their seats: Messrs. Peck, Hamlin, Johnson, Davis, Vanamum, Downer, Walker, Dawson, Cass, Foster, Henry, Dodge, A. C. Dodge, Jones, Bates, Hunt or Mason, Johnson, Cooper, John, Davis, Green, Phelps, Smith, T. Phelps, Hall, Clark, Norris, Sturgeon, E. B. Davis, Miller, Clarke, Chase, Badger, Corwin, Pierce, Calkins, Miller, Winchcomb, Yu'ce—38.

On motion, the Senate resolved to meet at twelve.

Mr. Underwood presented the credentials of Hon. Henry Clay, who, after being duly qualified, took his seat.

Mr. Slicer's credentials were also presented by Mr. Vanamum, who also took his seat. The Senate then being organized an adjournment took place.

In the House of Representatives, on the call of the roll by the Clerk 219 members answered to their names and the House proceeded to ballot for a Speaker with the following result:—

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Mr. Hays, being unable to elect a Speaker, adjourned until to-morrow.

The President's Message is in the hands of the printer, and occupies seven columns long primer type in the Republic.

Mr. Clapp of the Secretary of the Treasury will appear simultaneously with the President's Message.

IN SENATE.—Vice President Fillmore presiding, Messrs. Dixon, Schuyler, Rusk and Lundy appeared and took their seats. Journalist read and was adjourned.

In the House, the balloting for Speaker was resumed.

It is said that the loco caucus will be satisfied with its heart's content, as to the causes of the deficit of twenty millions of dollars, which the Report of Mr. Slicer has laid before the public. Nothing is left to conjecture, or conjecture, but the whole matter is made so plain and clear that who runs may read. The loco caucus caused the entire deficit, and it will be slightly fastened upon them, to tell of the sufficient whittles of the "Doctors of the Union" will fall in unparaphrasing them or in the face? If the sum required to make up the deficit for the fiscal years of 1850 and 1851 does not exceed twenty millions, the country may rejoice.

THE PUNISHMENT OF DR. PARKMAN INVESTIGATED. The Boston Courier states that the remains found at the Medical College have been positively identified as those of Dr. Parkman, by his family, by marks on the lower extremity, Dr. Keop has also identified the remains as those of Dr. Parkman.

Rev Mr. Nye's seventh and last lecture on Moral Tendency of Universalism. Service to commence at 7 o'clock.

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